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CIA Analyst Here Appeals For Malfeasance Probe

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A 26-year veteran of the Central Intelligence Agency based in San Diego has appealed directly to the agency's director to investigate "possible illegalities and other senior officer malfeasance (within the CIA) which jeopardize both the accuracy of U.S. intelligence and the interests of private citizens."

Donald S. Jordan, 57, sent a telegram last week to Adm. Stansfield Turner, the CIA director, in which he said repeated efforts to report wrongdoing and deficiencies had resulted only in coverups and in the destruction of his own career.

Herb Hetu, assistant for public affairs at CIA headquarters in Langley, Va.,

yesterday confirmed Jordan's status in the agency and said "his complaints are being aired."

PROBES CITED

Hetu said Jordan has made "a number of complaints over the years," and that at least three were considered serious enough to warrant in-house investigations.

"They were investigated; they were not dismissed out of hand," Hetu said. "But we didn't necessarily reach the same conclusions (as Jordan)."

The telegram, a copy of which Jordan provided The San Diego Union, also said that "my experiences indicate that senior officers can escape unscathed despite misconduct considerably worse than lack of professionalism and judgment."

NOT DETAILED

In an interview, Jordan refused to detail specific instances of wrongdoing on the grounds that he did not want to violate any national security regulations.

On the other hand, he said, he was releasing the contents of the telegram in the hopes that public pressure might force the agency to adopt what he called "needed reforms," or, failing that, at least to respond to his charges of wrongdoing.

Jordan also said other CIA officers with knowledge of illegalities or malfeasance might be encouraged to write letters by his example.

"If a hundred officers wrote, the CIA would have a problem," he said.

A lean, intense Princeton

graduate, Jordan said he has been "rocking the boat" for the past 13 years.

He has spent his entire CIA career as a domestic analyst, serving at posts in Los Angeles, Denver, Seattle, San Francisco and, for the past three years, San Diego. He was deputy chief in three of those offices.

REPRISALS

Jordan said his attempts to correct deficiencies within the CIA have resulted in reprisals in the form of poor performance ratings which damaged his career.

"My career was over 13 years ago," he said. "But I didn't know that until recently."

MAKES CHARGE

Jordan said the agency has "hidden behind FOIA exemptions to deny release of information which reveals violations of regulations."

Jordan said he had had no response from CIA headquarters to last week's telegram. He said it is possible that he may be suspended for his actions.

He also said that, with seven years in the State Department in addition to his years with the CIA, "I can retire at any time."

Jordan said that he sent a report to the inspector general this year. In July, the inspector general's report indicated the problems would be covered up. In August, Jordan sent a similar report directly to Turner.

Jordan said that while he does not know if Turner himself saw the report, it was turned over to one of the director's special assistants.